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ETHELBERT F. ALLEN,
Imperial Potentate, N. M. S. for North America.

OUR IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

It is with great pleasure that we present to our readers the handsome face of the highest officer in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Noble Allen was elected at the Imperial Council, held in Dallas, Texas, in June, and with the hearty good will of all. He will give a happy and prosperous reign over the Great Army of Shereefs he is called upon to direct. *Es Salamu Aleikum!*

COMMANDERIES.

GRAND COMMANDERY 35TH ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

July 10.—The usual number of early arrivals from among the old regulars and some new hands were on the grounds today. In the enforced absence of the Grand Prelate no services were held. The day was therefore an exceedingly quiet one.

Monday was preparation day and by evening the halls were once more a throng, and the park as lively as ever. The Band came in on the evening train; they gave us a short band concert. The Grand Generalissimo having put on the additional dignity of fatherhood, has cut his whiskers. During Monday an officers school was held.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the Grand Captain General drilled the assembled Sir Knights. At 10 a. m. the Grand Commandery was opened in form. The Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Capt. Geo. W. Bever being absent, P. G. C., E. O. Soule, was appointed to act, *pro. tem.* The G. Sword Bearer being absent, E. Sir Knight Eugene Anderson was appointed to act, *pro. tem.*

The Grand Commander read his address. The paper was an appropriate review of the year's work, including proper reference to the conditions of war about us. The address was an able document and the work of a venerable and beloved Grand Commander. The progress of the Order in Iowa shows

Knighted,	295	
Reinstated,	15	
		310
Demitted,	102	
Died,	60	
Suspended,	107	
Expelled,	3	272
Net increase		38
Present membership, (Jan. 1)		4472

It is the opinion of the Grand Commander that a Charity ball is not a Templar Masonic occasion. He also holds (so does the law) that dispensations to ballot out of time, cannot be granted without a majority vote of a Commandery requesting it.

Commanderies wanting to fit candidates for the receiving of degrees pre-request through knighthood cannot expect dispensations when asked for that purpose.

An effort was made to have Templar Park exempt from taxes. The court held that the social features were too prominent a part of our annual conclave to claim exemption.

Mrs. Amanda E. Parish, wife of the late P. G. Recorder Parish, left $3,000 to the Grand Commandery for charitable purposes.

A touching note of appreciation was read by the Grand Commander, for the kindness of the Fraters during the affliction of his family, (in the loss of Miss Lizzie, his eldest daughter).

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows

Total ,Receipts to July 1, (including $801.26 from former Treasurer.)	$6,159.27
Total disbursements to July 1, 1898,	4,215.78
Balance on hand,	$1,943.49

Rev. Sir J. C. W. Coxe, D. D., read the introduction and conclusion of his usually able report on Correspondence and it was ordered printed, as usual.

The Grand Commander announced the Chairman of his Committees.

Wednesday morning the usual drill was given in the Asylum at 9 o'clock. Grand Commandery business was resumed at ten o'clock. Minutes of yesterday read.

The Committee on Commanderies under Dispensation reported. Gethsemane of Fairfield was reported on. Total membership, 36. Charter was recommended and the representative admitted to a seat in the Grand Commandery.

Committee on G. C.'s address and reports of G. Officers reported. The address was complimented and approved.

A special committee of three was proposed on "Grand Prelate's Uniform," as well as Prelates of subordinate Commanderies, to report at this Grand Conclave. Committee, T. E. Green, J. M. Murray and E. O. Soule.

The payment of the annual installment of $500.00 and interest on the bonded debt was provided for through proper legislation.

Committee on Taxation of Templar Park reported, showing that the application for remission of taxes was refused. Appeal to the supreme court was recommended. The whole matter was referred to the Trustees with power to act accordingly.

The election of officers was made the order for 10:30 a. m. Thursday.

The usual dress parade was given at 7 o'clock.

At 8:30 Rev. Sir Thomas E. Green delivered a fine lecture on "Templary," illustrated with a hundred views.

Thursday morning the band gave a concert at 8 o'clock; at 9:00 drill in the use of the sword. At 10:00 the Grand Commandery convened, and after devotions E. Sir Frank S. Armstrong of Grand Rapids, Mich., was introduced and invited to a seat among us.

The Committee on Credentials reported. Thirty-three Commanderies were represented either by the officers or their proxies. Twelve Grand officers, eight Past Grand officers and sixteen Past Commanders were present.

The Parish bequest was reported on and a board of trustees (3) provided for, who are to be elected annually.

The committee on Prelates Uniforms reported—recommended proper robes and uniform for both Grand and Subordinate Commandery Prelates. The only difference in uniform is that the triple triangle on the same takes the place of other ornaments prescribed and a black belt replaces the white or gold one.

The committee on Chartered Commanderies reports 56 active Commanderies.

The proportion of Sir Knights in arrears for dues was reported and some one must be neglecting duty.

The report on transportation showed over one hundred persons in attendance—paying fare—so that the reduced rate was made available. There were no Appeals, no Grievances.

The Committee on Revision of Statutes was continued and instructed to conform to the action of the Grand Encampment and report finally next year.

The Committee on Mileage reported.

The Past Grand Commander's jewels provided for in the action of last year were presented.

A Resolution of thanks to the Trustees and their ladies, and especially to Mrs. Atkins, for the entertainment furnished at this Conclave.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Crom Bowen, was introduced.

The Tri-ennial Committee reported. The headquarters will be in the Court House, the room and conveniences being granted free. The sleeping cars will be occupied at night.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railway was adopted as the official route. The estimated expense to Pittsburg from Chicago is for fare $10.50. The plans include a trip from Pittsburg to Gettysburg, Washington, Fortress Monroe, and Old Point Comfort, etc., to consume in all about ten days, at a total expense, including the above amount and sleeper, all around, at $38.00. Further announcement.

The Iowans will leave for Chicago on October 11th; leave Chicago 12th and arrive in Pittsburg on the morning of the 13th. The parade will be given Wednesday, Oct. 12. It is reported on good authority that this will be one of the greatest trips ever before projected.

The election of Grand officers closed Thursday's business. They are as follows:

Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, Grand Commander.
John H. Pettibone, Burlington, Deputy Grand Commander.
David M. Brownlee, Sioux City, Grand Generalissimo.
William H. Norris, Manchester, Grand Captain General.
Rev, T. E. Green, D. D., Cedar Rapids, Grand Prelate.
F. W. Craig, Des Moines, Grand Senior Warden.
William Weldon, Iowa Falls, Grand Junior Warden.
J. B. Atkins, Council Bluffs, Grand Treasurer.
Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Recorder.
J. E. Cherry, Creston, Grand Standard Bearer
B. F. Parker, Dubuque, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. B. Rowland, Harlan, Grand Warder.
A. N. Alberson, Washington, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commander elect having been detained on military duty, was unable to arrive until Friday morning. A detail of six Sir Knights went to the Hotel Orleans and escorted him to the Park, at the gates of which the Grand Commandery was awaiting him in full lines, and he was received with the honors becoming his rank. Grand Commander Loring made a short address, in which the patriotic self-sacrifice of R. E. Sir Knight Bever was referred to in touching words. The Grand Commandery assembled at 9:30 a. m. The tables were profusely decorated with flow-

ers brought in by Mrs. Sir J. B. Atkins, as the present of Mrs. Dr. Woods of Logan.

A vote of thanks was passed to E. Sir T. E Green, D. D., for his Lecture.

A query as to the proper insignia of Grand and Past Grand officers of Grand Commandery was referred to the committee on Knightly Courtesy.

The trustees of Templar Park reported. The boarding hall was conducted by them. The apartment house needs painting. Ordered done. The other Grand bodies are invited to meet here.

Total Receipts, - -	$323.75
Total Expended, - -	157.57
	$166.18

Trustees of the Parish Fund:

1. Crom Bowen.
2. D. F. Callendar.
3. Alf Wingate.

The Finance Committee reported

Total Receipts, - -	$6,159.27
Total Expended, - -	4,215.78
On hand, - - -	$1,943.49

The mileage of the Representatives to the Grand Commandery amounted to $309.-96.

Total appropriations for the current year, $5,550.00.

The sum of $500.00 was voted for the expenses of attending the Tri-ennial Conclave, or as much of the amount as may be needed.

The Grand Officers were publicly installed by R. E. Sir F. H. Loring. Past Grand Commander D. W. Clements acted as Grand Marshal, W. V. Whitten acting as Grand Prelate for the same occasion.

The Grand Prelate was chosen to speak for the newly installed offcers. This he did most fittingly.

P. G. C., A. R. Dewey, presented resolution from the Ladies of T. P. L. C., offering their services as cooks, nurses and *sisters* to the Grand Commander in his duties as Captain of Artillery in the army.

The jewels ordered for Past Grand Commanders were presented by P. G. C. Loring. The Grand Prelate neatly called the turn by presenting a like memento to R. E. Sir Knight Loring.

The Grand Commandery resumed its session.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of an additional $500.00 on the debt, making $1000.00 for this year.

A case was ordered for the proposed new banner.

Committee on Law:
A. R. Dewey.
H. W. Holman.
Alex. Peddie.

Fraternal Correspondence:
J. C. W. Coxe.

Trustee Muster:
T. B. Lacy, to succeed himself for five years.

The Grand Commandery closed Friday noon, July 15, 1898.

GRAND COMMANDERY NOTES.

The weather was fine.

The boarding hall was a success.

The health of the attendants was perfect this year.

The dress parades were more generally attended than in former years.

The officers reception and various evening entertainments were all delightful.

The Ladies program on Thursday night was a roaring success. The two bears took most attention and the large one "took the cake."

The silence about the opposite side of the lake was at times painful. The Queen was beached high and dry.

The Charlotte R. was almost equal to Cevera's fleet in getting run ashore—only the gallantry of the Sir Knights in "pulling on the rope" saved it from being there yet. The voice of Sir Tom Adamson could as usual be heard from the most ardent workers on deck.

The presence of the ladies at the public install ation was a pleasant feature of the occasion. It is largely a Templar family gathering that we have here annually.

The chaste address of our new Grand Commander couched in the words of the man who leaves the comforts of his home to face the privations of the camp and battle-field, was just what such a man as our beloved R. E. Sir George Woltz Bever could be expected to deliver.

The pleasures of the fortunate officers elect are always sobered by the disappointment of the ones who were relegated to the ranks; but none of us should cherish unknightly feelings. Him whom we serve, sought not his own will, but—served. So faithfulness will meet its reward.

The lecture of the Grand Prelate, on Templar History, was highly spoken of by all who heard it. A personal engagement prevented our hearing it.

The difference in dates for the Grand Commandery was not our fault. The misprint was found on the annuals and the printer (as usual) must take the blame.

Our order was born of suffering, developed amid perils by land and sea, and is to-day a synonym for friendship, relief and benevolence. It calls for the highest exemplification of faith in times of tranquility, and demands the most unselfish devotion to the good of mankind during the destitution, suffering and death, caused by cruel war.—*G. C. Loring, Iowa.*

DEDICATES HIS SON TO TEMPLARY.

"Very Eminent Sir and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama: I have taken the liberty of presenting to you the first born of your Grand Commander. This boy comes of a Masonic ancestry; his great-grandfathers were prominent Masons, his grandfather is a Knight Templar and a Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and his father is your Grand Commander. When this baby was born his mother, who is a Roman Catholic, foreseeing, perhaps, that he would probably desire to follow the example of his ancestors, gave him to me, and he was christened a Protestant Episcopalian, that he might not be embarrassed by the prohibition of the church when he reached his majority and desired to be initiated into our order. As a man offers to what he loves best his dearest possession, I dedicate to this Grand Commandery that I hold most dear, this little curly-haired boy, and promise, if the example of his father can incite in him a favorable opinion of our order, I will so live that when he has grown to man's estate he will freely and voluntarily offer himself as a candidate for Masonry. Very Eminent Sir and Sir Knights, I offer this little one to the Grand Commandery of Alabama."—*Grand Commander Douglass.*

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

THE TRIP TO TEXAS.

When we closed our last letter from the Imperial Chamber, it was to join in the festivities that for four days followed one another in such quick succession that it took all our northern energy to get to meeting points on time. The evenings were spent in giving receptions, opening "cisterns" and chasing mosquitoes, not that it is any worse here than at other places in season, but few of us were prepared to scratch so early in the "summer time." Wednesday, June 15th showed all business matters closed up by noon, and the Nobles were on the way to attend a barbecue at the State Fair Grounds. When we arrived, the vast pavilion had been turned into a combination of dining hall and carnival of all nations. The order included the following, nothing being left out: Old Fashioned Barbecue and Bohemian Lunch, Old Time Plantation Cake Walk, Wild Riding, Broncho Roping, Horse Racing, etc., and it was this last etcetera business that put such a head on the editor of one of the Dallas religious papers that he has been sore at the whole order ever since. Towards evening, when the shadows were lengthening out we, with other Jays, started on the hunt of an introduction to that much advertised Texas girl, "Katy," who seems to stand three stories high in the estimation of the Texans, and we found her, entertaining two trains of sleepers loaded with happy men and women on their way to the famous towns to the south of Dallas. Our last memory that night was the odor of pennyroyal, and the first next morning was to wake up in Austin, (June 16th) to find breakfast ready on board the steamer Ben Hur, and places for all of us, too. The ride up the beautiful lake, the scenery along the way and the magnificent water power at Austin are all worth any man's while to go to see. Coming off the boat, we were hustled into the cars, run past old cathedrals, the capital building, lovely homes, and out to the Military Post, where evidently only a few men were left, and these with no idea of our importance, as the "scantiest" reception anywhere was when we tramped across a "plaza" and far down into the fine grounds of the post, to find that we had "marched up the hill and might march right down

again." We register no kick at the "soldier boys," but who in Sam Hill did run us out there anyhow? Had "She" "Ben Hur" there'd have blood shed that time. At 2 p. m. we were off again, and this time we are to go to San Antonio, the famous "Alamo City," and to us it was one of the greatest privileges we enjoyed, and we enjoyed the most of them, to stand within the sacred walls of the place where Bowie and Davy Crockett laid down their lives for the cause of Liberty, and where so many romantic memories of the Republic of Texas linger. (We'd recommend sending 15 cents to Meyers' Mexican Curiosity Store, 331 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex., for a pamphlet with full information). Many of our party went to see the aged Mexican woman who nursed Bowie, during the battle of the Alamo, and is still living at over a hundred years of age. The Bazars of the city were crowded up to the last minute before the train was to leave for Galveston.

Friday morning found us at Galveston, truly well named the "Gem City," for it is a gem on the fair bosom of the Guf of Mexico. Here a trip down the bay, a "bake" at Nick's place, this one is a Mexican, and not akin to the fellow who runs the hot stuff next door, for at Nick's we found a new desire to live awhile longer. Shades of all the departed heroes, Epicurus, and all, if that feed was not the climax of all we had on that trip. Listen, you fellows who staid at home: Oyster roast, fish chowder, soft-shell crabs, oysters raw, and ask Gus Anderson of Omaha, if it was a time to remember!

When all had well eaten and drunken, we filed across the cactus plains to the cars and were once more hurried into the seething vortex of Galveston, but not to burn, perspire and sweat as before, for the cars bore us out to the Beach Hotel, where we took our first bath in the Gulf of Mexico. We were no more reckless than lots of other Northern men who got wet when we did. Oh, poor deluded shivering bathers in the Atlantic, we were ridden of our prejudice in a moment, for the water of the Gulf was warm and the enjoyment of that bath will remain with us for many days.

After the pleasures of the surf came a grand concert and reception at the Beach Hotel, with the entire population of Galveston in attendance. Sight seeing and entertainments of various kinds occupied all hands until midnight, when we crawled into our berth in the "New Zealand" a tired and happy mortal. From this point the old "Second Section" was given the right of way over us of the "first," and they started out for Waco, the "Geyser City," why, we don't know. When the fine haired "Fust Section" got into Waco, the Second was there, too, and when the procession struck one of the high-toned cafes, Lo the Indians of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa had once more stolen a march and out eaten them. If we wanted to tell any of our readers about this place it would be impossible, for the clam (yellow boy) who was sent to drive the team behind which we rode never opened his lips from start to finish, but kept following up any other carriage he might happen to get behind, until we fell in with a funeral procession, and he started to follow that, when we demanded to be taken back to town and if he could, to take us to the spot where Brann was murdered, and we'd stir up something interesting. Now, sir fellow citizens, we have nothing but "Cutter's Guide" to show that there is a place on God's earth named Waco, Texas, yet we don't doubt it. Our train was scheduled to leave Waco at 12:00 noon, Saturday, and we all hurried down to the station to sit around wherever we might be able to find a streak of shade, for three hours. The M., K. & T. may be a good railroad all right, but it certainly showed some of the most jaybird like folly in this case we ever saw. At last we are on our way and steaming toward Ft. Worth, where the last pinch of salt and the final eating of bread with the Texans was done. From here the tribes were scattered for the various lines homeward, and we must leave off where the crowd did.

NOTES ENROUTE.

The Complimentary Excursion given to the Imperial Council by Hella Temple of Dallas, was a magnificent affair. The covers of the ticket books were retained by the travelers as souvenirs.

For meritorious conduct, and unlimited patience on the trip, George H. Green is hereby created a Pasha, with the rank of Major General. He's a man to have along when you travel. But his little wife is hereby created Chief Daughter of Isis, for when we became the Second Section she staid with us, though George had to go

away with those wicked New York and Ohio boys.

A genuine entertainment and a surprise to the uninitiated was the supposed wedding of U. S. Marshall Grimes' daughter and Noble Middlebrook, while the train was going at the rate of fifty miles an honr. (Geewhilikens, the speed was deceptive going through Texas.)

The Nobles can prepare to hear of Noble Will Grimes, as he is the coming Congressman from Oklahoma Territory, and he's a corker.

In Galveston at "Nick's" place, we saw A. C. Labatt, a Mason in his 96th year, who was raised in Charleston, S. C., in May, 1828, and was among the number to receive Lafayette, on his visit to this country. His son and his grandson are Masons, and the charming young ladies who accompanied him were his grandaughters.

We followed Hon. A. P. Clayton of St. Joseph, Mo., around for a whole day under the impression that he was Al. G. Fields and after a closer acquaintance we are convinced that of the two, Clayton is the wittiest story teller of the pair.

Stormy "Jordan" of Marshall, Texas, with his irrepressible inquiry, "Who wants to borrow two dollars?" was one of the never to be forgotten characters of the trip. Maybe "Who has a trunk to carry?" or "Who wants to buy a load of wood?" might have equalled the first in pathos!!! but we doubt it. Noble Jordan is all right anyhow.

India Temple had more attendants at the Imperial Council and in the trip to the Gulf than any other Temple, and they were as happy a company of Shriners as it is the lot of man to meet in a day's travel. With Grimes at the bat, it was a walk away for India Temple, for the whole crowd plays ball all the time. And the little lady whom Grimes tried to pass off as his sister, but who invariably called him "Pa," was as charming as any of the ladies of the famous Imperial Divan of 1898.

The ability of our Imperial Potentate E. F. Allen of Kansas City, Mo., is to be considered from the standpoint of his accomplishments at Nick's place. See here. He got the leather medal for having devoured the largest quantity of everything offered, the first item of which was 40,000 oysters!!

"If anybody asks you tell them that Bob Johnson of Chicago, pulled the badger at San Antonio," said a glib-tongued fellow from somewhere, so we went and asked Potentate Bob, and he answered in his fiercest tones, that it was all a lie gotten up by some of those Eastern fellows to hurt his credit as a candidate for Imperial Treasurer when Brown gets through.

The Sunday trip through Oklahoma and Kansas was not eventless at all. All day long the quiet visiting and select story telling went on. It was a congenial crowd, the one that went down with Allen, rates or no rates, and it was all the same to a man when it went back, except Ethelbert had moved up a peg.

To forget Batson, of St. Joseph, would be impossible, and if any one don't remember the face, just think of "Midway" and you'll bring up his handsome features at any hour, day or night. By the way, that Moila delegation for 1898 was a healthy aggregation anyhow. Think of Gibson and Morley going along to take care of Buechle, Clayton and Batson!

"Put me off at Buffalo" has been intra dicted by the authorities of Dallas until after the next Centennial, because the Buffalo Nobles simply pounded it into everybody so deep that our better half tells it to the Daughters of Isis that we sat up in bed and whistled it a week after the Council was over. It will be a sad thing in the life of any Noble who misses the next Imperial Round Up.

At Austin the Nobles of Ben Hur presented a Souvenir of their city in the form of a nice album of various sights in and about the Capital.

Harry Collins handed around a taking card, the colors of Great Britain and the United States and the figures of Britania and the Goddess of Liberty, with the words "Anglo Saxon" over the legend "one aim, one goal," over the clasped hands, and underneath "Gloria Mundi." He could hardly supply the demand, and these stirring times made it all the more significant.

The war spirit is hotter down in Dixie than it seems up here among us of the North. When a band played national airs, the yelling could be heard blocks away, and by gosh, we all did it. Dixie was played twice out of three times.

From Noble Joe Swope, of Dallas, we have a copy of a deep-water sectarian sheet that wades into the lurid adjectives on the apparent character of the hordes of Shriners who infested Dallas and Texas during the Imperial trip, to his disappointment at not being able to assist either in the opening of the Hella Cistern or the Council with a proper invocation. Water they squirting about anyhow?

Nobles of El-Kahir should not forget that we have received the Rituals for the "Daughters of Isis" and that this Ladies department of the Mystic Shrine will be organized at our next meeting, late in September or early in October.

NOBLE PETE SELLS.

Col. Peter Sells, the verteran showman and ninety-third degree Shriner of Columbus, O., came in from the north last night with a drove of camels, three grizzly bears and one California mountain goat. Col. Sells could be blindfolded and turned loose in Dallas and then he could find his way to any part of town. They all know him, from bank presidents to bootblacks, and never fail to accord the veteran a warm reception. Col. Sells usually spends the heated term in Dallas. When the weather cools off in Ohio he returns to the Buckeye state. "I am in favor of Texas annexing Ohio," he remarked to Round About a long time ago, "and then I will agree to live nine of the twelve months of the year in this state."—*Dallas, Tex., News.*

DESERT CHAFF.

Hon. Fred M. Gilbough, tax commissioner of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, member of the Texas legislature, is a genuine Arab and made a Shriner in Cairo, Egypt, by American tourists. They taught him English and when he mastered the language he came to the United States by way of Constantinople and the Canary Islands. In Arabia he was a shiek and was one of the most expert horsemen of his tribe. At the fair grounds, Wednesday, he is going to show the rough riders how to rope cattle and ride untamed bronchos. Sheik Gilbough is not down on the program and his will be a special act. When Col. Teddy Roosevelt and his men were in camp at San Antonio the redoubtable Teddy invited Shiek Gilbough to become a member of his command, holding out the very flattering position of chief of scouts and machete manipulators as an inducement for the adopted son of Texas to become "one of us." "If you mount your men on camels I will honor your command with my glittering damascus blade," was the reply of the Texan. Col. Teddy turned him down and the whole thing was off. Col. Joseph Swope, who is a native of Tokio, Japan, but was brought to this country in his infancy, furnished a news reporter with the salient points in the above crude sketch of Noble Gilbough. "In Arabia his name was Gilhooly," said the informer, "and Gilbough is English for Gilhooley." Noble Swope before leaving Japan, it is alleged by envious Shriners, discovered that the juice of crushed tarantulas was the greatest nerve tonic ever sipped by mortal man. These two distinguished foreigners promise to make it lively for pilgrims from other countries during their stay in the oasis of Dallas.—*Dallas, Tex., News*

THE LODGES.

From the Grand Secretary's office we acknowledge the receipt of the official list of Grand Officers for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Garden City Lodge 141, Chicago, Ill., has changed its night and place of meeting. Hereafter they meet Tuesdays, and on the eighteenth floor of the Masonic Temple.

We were privileged to visit with Hebron Lodge 374, Oelwein, June 30, '98. W. M. Bro. Bentley, made us feel at home. They have a good lodge there.

This is the way the staid old brothers who did not get home from Grand Lodge until Friday or later got belated:

COUNCIL BLUFES, June 8, 1898.

If you desire to join the Midway Expedition, Thursday evening, under the direction and guidance of Brother Burt, kindly write your name on the back of this slip and leave with the hotel clerk.

BROTHER BURT.

From a short visit at Washington we learned of the continued prosperity of the Craft in that city.

At Lake Park the Masons have delightful quarters and the Lodge is working right along.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

At Grundy Center the Masonic brethren had a splendid celebration. W. M., F J. Bourne and his able corps of assistants had a well arranged program A local orchestra supplied the music. An address was delivered by the writer, after which Ice cream, cake and fruits were served. The Toasts, with Bro. Bourne presiding, were responded to by Bro. H. K. Snavely, Past Matron Mrs. S. H. Knapp, and the writer. The evidences of life and activity in this community are strong. Bro. J. C. Mills, made a Mason fifty-three years ago in Bath Lodge state of New York, lives here. He has a copyright on a fine engraving of George Washington in masonic regalia, and is anxious to find a publisher.

AT LAKE VIEW.

The following clippings came to us from Bro. Moses Simon of Carroll, and from the program we judge that the occasion must have been a rich one indeed:

"The Masonic picnic at Lake View on St. John's day, the 24th inst., was attended by a large crowd from Ida Grove, Odebolt, Holstein, Sac City, Carroll and a goodly number were presnt from the various smaller towns throughout the district. The exercises were short and impressive. Judge Dewey of Washington, delivered the address. Our townsman, Moses Simon, in a neat speech introduced the speaker as a particular friend of his and said that they had been boys together. The oration was full of thought and the speaker held the closest attention of the vast audience. The program was interspersed with good music. It seems the committee spared no pains in making St. John's day, to the Masonic fraternity throughout the district, one long to be remembered. A basket dinner was the order of the day after the program was over. In the afternoon the athletic young men from Sac and a portion of Carroll's base ball club met upon the diamond and in a long drawn out game Sac shattered the forts of Carroll to the tune of 16 to 7.

There were 106 tickets sold from Ida Grove to the Masonic picnic at Lake View last Friday and about 99 from Battle Creek. If other towns along the line turned out proportionately the crowd must have been enormous. Those who attended report the usual good time. At the business meeting, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chas. Sifford, of Lake City, President; C. H. Jump, of Early, Secretary, and F. A. Lusk of the city, Treasurer.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

TYRIAN COUNCIL 78,

Of Royal and Select Masters, Chicago, is nothing if not entertaining in their ballustre for the events of June 30,

Tactum non est Pictum.

Geo. W. Barnard has our thanks for an invitation to attend.

The Knights of the Maccabees are to hold a mammoth Picnic, August 3, at Waterloo Chautauqua Grounds. The Supreme Commander is to be there.

July 28 was the date set for the S. E. Iowa Reunion of A. O. U. W.'s at Burlington, Iowa.

The B. P. O. Elks is taking on an immense growth in our country lately.

Some people think that because a large number of organizations exist in a town there is no room for more; as long as *all* are not connected somewhere, the worthy orders have a right to go in and win—the fittest will survive.

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family,—Editor.

Wm. L. Taylor, Ames, Ia., June 28, '98.

Noble and Brother Taylor was for many years a conductor on the C. & N. W. Ry., running from Boone and Ames to Clinton, and his relations with all his Masonic circle of friends was the warmest of friendship, Gloom rests upon our banners, for a Noble Gentleman has fallen.

P. S. Towle, Clinton, Ia., July 18, 1898.

Noble and Brother Towle was so widely and favorably known that our words could not add to his honors. He was a member of Emulation Lodge 255, Keystone Chapter 32, Holy Cross Commandery 10, DeMolay Consistory No. 1, and El-Kahir Temple. He was also P. G. M. W. of the Loyal A. O. U. W., and a Supreme Representative at the time of his death. His body sleeps in the cemetery at Clinton, where years of his business and fraternal career were spent.

Bro. William Francis Drinkard, Richmond, Va. (P. G. M.,) July 11, 1898.

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GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

CROM BOWEN.....Des Moines.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.
W. D. IRVINE....Sioux City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 14, 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1898.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) Washington, D. C., Oct., 1898.
Iowa, Oct. 26., 1898, Cedar Rapids.
MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH...Newton..GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 13. 1899.
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Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

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E. I. ALDERMAN .....Marion..... POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

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GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.
H. HARDY.....Omaha..... .....POTENTATE
S. R. Crickmore.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

The "Kids"—Imperial Romp, Buffalo, N. Y., June 13, 1899.
HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C., Imp. Chief Kid
John Westley Geiger....Marion, Iowa....Registering Kid
(Past Imperial Representatives any year eligible to membership.)

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our double number act will not defraud any one of our readers, as we shall send the *number* of copies to each subscriber to which they are entitled.

Readers may expect to learn lots about the great trips to be had in connection with the Tri-ennial Conclave. Watch next month's issue.

Old friends will please remember that we are doing our best, and that we are not unmindful of their patience or love extended to us and ours.

The Grand Recorder of North Carolina, James C. Munds, Wilmington, wants Iowa Proceedings of various years donated to the Grand Council library. Write him what you have.

From Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, of Washington, D. C., comes the reminder of one or two misannouncements in our June number. First, of the "Big Four" of Mecca he says, "the glasses you looked through must have been strong to have seen "*Millar* and *Peters*." Alas the versatile George and the ponderous August were not along—so much for announcing pre-arranged programs. He says also, secondly, that the Imperial Recorder's salary was not *raised*, but continued at $2,000 for next year. Harrison has a right to take these liberties, as he is the Imperial Chief of the "Kids," (we're the Imperial Secretary) organized at the "Wayside Club House," Cleveland, in 1896.

THE KIDS.

So mysteriously have the plans of this now widely extended order been laid that, up to this time, no published notice of its doings has been allowed or made. Abou Ben Harrison, the only Imperial Chief the Order has ever had (may his shadow never grow less!) has been pleased to permit his slave and servant, the only scribe the Order has ever had, (may his office never change) to write these lines to inform any who have ever been Imperial Representatives, of his edict, that an open and demonstrative gathering of the "Kids" will be held in the Oasis of Buffalo, in June of the year 1899. That none may plead ignorance let them now take note of it, that immediately after the opening of the Imperial Council the fees will be advanced and no cut rates allowed thereafter. This journal is the official organ of The Kids and further revelations may be looked for at any time. [Signed,] JNO. W. GEIGER
THE "KIDS" IMPERIAL SECRETARY.

GENERALLY MENTIONED.

Nobles should not forget "Shrine Day" at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, September 14.

El-Riad, Sioux Falls, held a meeting June 17th.

Imperial Recorder Ben Rowell, had out the Roster of the Imperial Divan, July 1. We published it in our last number.

Ahmed Temple, Marquette, Mich., gathered for mischief and conquest June 28, and a royal time they had.

There is a proposition before the Grand Lodge of Illinois to have the following question asked of every candidate when he offers himself for iniation:

"Masonry is not a benefit society, have you seriously considered whether your circumstances will enable you to support the institution?"—*Canadian Craftsman.*

The Grand Lodge of Idaho has laid up among the archives the first jewels of one of its lodges. They were made of tin. Tin jewels have helped so many lodges in Kansas to a fair start that they have ceased to be a novelty. Towanda, No. 30, had a set of tin jewels to start with, and so did Stafford, No. 252. The first lodge of instruction held as the preliminary step to organization of the latter lodge was in a sod house. It was held in 1877, before the buffalo finally emigrated.

Chris. Diehl, correspondent of Utah, who ought to know, says that it is a fairy story about the Emperor of Germany being a Mason. He says: "We read regularly three Masonic journals printed in the Fatherland and never yet have seen it mentioned that the Kaiser was a Mason or ever had been one. We don't believe he is, and it is just as good. Freemasonry gets along without him. The blood of the Hohenzollern family does not run very plentifully in his veins."—*Kansas Freemason.*

True it is that the Grand Commandery of Kansas laid the cornerstone of a public building at Junction City. In doing so that grand body established a precedent, whether right or wrong, and Missouri has been quick to follow. Grand Commander Gillies recently placed the keystone in the topmost arch of a dwelling house at Joplin, Missouri, and delivered "an appropriate address." "Same thing only different." It's a very frigid day, indeed, when Kansas can not set some kind of a pattern.—*Kansas Freemason.*

To meet upon the level,
Is an easy thing to say,
But when it comes to practice,
Do we do it every day?
Do we meet him on the level,
If the brother chance to be
Just a little out at elbow
Or baggy at the knee?"—*Tyler.*

The benevolences of Masonry go into the great uncounted list of immortal deeds done in the name of Fraternity. The relief extended during 1896 was $90,000,000, and for 1897 still greater.

The numerous troubles of the Covenant Mutual of Galesburg, Ill., will be the text for repeated sermons of warning to the innocent to "beware of the assessment bubble," while the stability of the "stock companies" will be made the climax.

It will be well for us to take warning that the business of extravagant salaries and expensive displays is always likely to bring the natural end-—collapse.

Thousands of poor men would have no means of protection for their homes if it were not for the Fraternal Orders, and while the other modes of life insurance are all right, these should not be cried down.

MASONIC NOTES.

Nevada has an O'Sullivan Commandery. The name would be more appropriate if they would drop the O.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York celebrated its centennial on the 2d inst.

The Massachusetts legislature is strictly in it. The senate has twenty-two members who are Masons, while the house boasts of 104.

The Freemason of Toronto twits the American Tyler for the "free use of their little scissors without giving proper credit." This mode of journalism is becoming very fashionable.

MAKING AT SIGHT.

No doubt both individual brothers and Masonic contemporaries will continue to differ in regard to this much discussed question of the power of a Grand Master to "make a Mason at sight." We wonder why no account is made of the difference between the conditions of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Then the assemblies were occasional and often convivial, the system of the institution undeveloped. Then, it was more natural to accept the so-called prerogative without suspicion, it was in keeping with its surroundings; but now, we behold a vast system of regularly constituted lodges, acting under legal warrant to confer the several degrees of Masonry. Then, the legislative aud judicial features were hardly formal; now we know that each Grand Lodge is supreme in its jurisdiction, and that the Grand Lodge within that domain has no superior. It can (and in this case ought to) limit and circumscribe the powers of its presiding officer. It confers no immortal powers upon any Grand Master—his successor once installed—supercedes him entirely, and the Grand Lodge can dictate just how far he may execute their "will and pleasure." No emergency "out of time" can possibly arise which some regularly and duly constituted lodge cannot more properly attend to. The Grand Lodge cannot supplant the Subordinate Lodge in its jurisdiction of a candidate—it confers no degrees—then why should the Grand Master have such authority? We are for a representative government by the membership, because they are capable of directing the same. One-man power is always dangerous and all too easily abused.

[June 11. Since writing the above we note from an exchange the refusal of the Grand Master of Virginia to confer the degrees on *any man* unless first elected by some lodge.—Ed.]

HOW'S THIS?

A few years ago it was intended to "pass" and "raise" a candidate on the same evening. By some misunderstanding when the Most Worshipful arrived, it was found that the candidate had not yet been initiated!—how fortunate the "prerogative"—the candidate was prominent and the case urgent—so in Iowa and with the consent and authority of the Grand Master the whole business was done in one evening. How is this for fast?

BROTHER PRICE'S FLAPJACK.

The April ('98) *Trestle-Board* gives two excellently written articles from the pen of Brother Bun F. Price. On page 169 begins one under the title "To Make a Mason at Sight," which is in the support of right; he says, "In our humble opinion it is a landmark, clearly set forth by most of our standard authors." Yet the "tinkering" of this and the other "twenty-four" has gone on until "the rank and file of the Fraternity do not know a landmark from a hole in the ground." (Fie on you.) The other is on page 172, "The Good Old Way," wherein, after holding up the "Jaybird Mason" of the never-move-a-peg or change-a-comma-sort to just derision, he closes with this paragraph, which is in marked contrast with the sentiments of the other article; "These good old brothers forget the fact that they live in a progressive age, and that if we desire to prosper as a Lodge, or individually, we must keep up with the procession." (Yea verily!) "We must eschew everything of a moss-back nature." (Whoopee!) and so on. While we agree with the second article, we entirely dissent from the first.

In the year 1779 General Sullivan, a New Hampshire officer and a zealous Mason, was sent into the Susquehanna country by General Washington to check the inroads of the Indians. Colonel Proctor of the artillery had secured a warrant from the grand lodge of Pennsylvania to form a military lodge. Almost every night after the halt and refreshments this lodge was opened. At Tioga Point a large tent was prepared for this purpose, and on clearing away the leaves an old iron square, very rusty, was found, which coincidence so pleased the brethren that they used it for Masonic purposes all through the campaign.

The Trestle Board of San Francisco, seems to be at outs with the postoffice department of the Pacific coast, and publishes some startling facts and figures to show that the government should own the railroads and thereby reduce their exorbitant charges on mail matter. To this we dissent, as your "Uncle Samuel" has "pull" enough now to satisfy the most fastidious, unless it be those who wish to perpetuate Republican dynasty, "one of which we 'haint."

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